

INTRODUCTION

Purpose and Scope

This edition of the *Voting Assistance Guide (Guide)* is designed to help the following persons participate in U.S. primary and general elections during 2000 and 2001 when they are unable to vote in person at the polls:

- Members of the U.S. Uniformed Services, which includes the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration;
- Members of the U.S. merchant marine;
- Family members of the above;
- U.S. citizens residing outside the U.S.

Sources of Assistance

Absentee voting information in this *Guide* is current through September 1999. Procedures or primary election dates that change after publication will be updated through the Federal Voting Assistance Program's (FVAP) website at www.fvap.ncr.gov on a regular basis. These changes will also be disseminated by voting news releases distributed to voting assistance personnel in all Federal government departments and agencies with voting assistance programs. The same channels will be used to disseminate information about special and other elections.

In addition, the DoD Voting Information Center (VIC) provides a 24-hour recorded service with information on current and upcoming elections and access to the offices of U.S. Senators, Members of the U.S. House of Representatives, State Governors and State Chief Election Officials. Thirty days prior to an election, messages from candidates for these offices are also available. The VIC telephone numbers are 1-800- 438-VOTE (8683), (703) 588-1343 or DSN (military) 425-1343. The VIC can also be accessed toll-free from some countries overseas using the numbers listed on the FVAP website at www.fvap.ncr.gov.

Each Military Department, the Coast Guard, and the Department of State has a Voting Action Officer to assist unit Voting Assistance Officers and Embassy and Consulate Voting Assistance Officers with problems or questions they may have concerning voting. The following information will help you contact your Voting Action Officer:

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The Basic Absentee Voting Process

Overseas
Civilian



Member (or family) of
the Uniformed Services



**Step 1: Citizen completes and mails the
Federal Post Card Application Form (SF-76)**

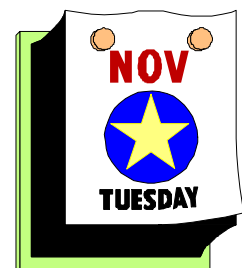
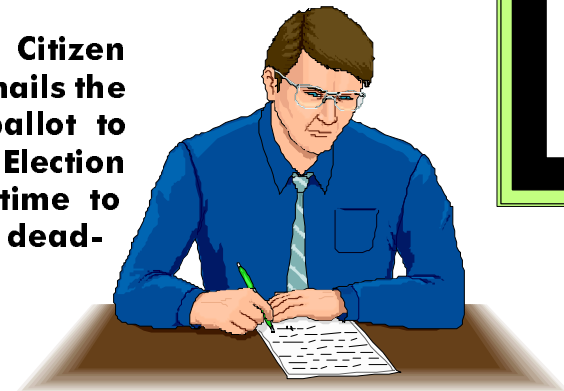


**Step 2: Local Election Official
approves registration request
or requests further information**



**Step 3: Local
Election
Official
mails
absentee
ballot***

**Step 4: Citizen
votes and mails the
absentee ballot to
the Local Election
Official in time to
meet state dead-
lines**



*** In order to receive an absentee ballot in a timely manner, it is imperative for citizens to keep their local election official informed of address changes**